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Chapter 2. Statutes and Laws of Other States and Countries

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Statute books; foreign states; United States territories

Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to the following:

(1) The printed statute books of the several states and territories of the United States, purporting to be printed under the authority of those states and territories.

(2) A copy of any statute or any part of a statute contained in a statute book described in subdivision (1) that is accompanied by the certificate of the secretary of state, under seal of the state, certifying that:

(A) the copy is complete and correct;

(B) the statute book from which the copy is taken is deposited in the office of the secretary or in the state library; and

(C) the secretary of state believes the book was received under the authority of the state or territory purporting to have enacted the statutes.

(b) A statute book, a copy of a statute, or a copy of part of a statute described in subsection (a) is presumptive evidence in all courts of public or private legislative acts of the state or territory purporting to have enacted the statute.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.34.

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Legislative acts; foreign states or territories; full faith and credit

Sec. 2. Every act of the legislature of any state or territory of the United States, certified by the secretary, and having the seal of the state or territory affixed to the act, is considered authentic and shall receive full faith and credit when offered in evidence in any court in Indiana.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.34.

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Laws of foreign countries

Sec. 3. The existence and tenor or effect of the laws of any foreign country may be proved as facts by parol evidence. However, if it appears that the law in question is contained in a written statute or code, the court may reject any evidence of the law that is not accompanied by a copy of the law as it appears in the written statute or code.

As added by P.L.1-1998, SEC.34.